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SUBJECT: EEC AUGUST 12 MEETING IN ROME OF ME EXPERTS GROUP

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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY SUBJECT GROUP, EACH FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS OF MFA BRIEFING OFFICER WHO PROVIDED COPIES OF TEXTS (IN FRENCH). SUBJECT OF FINANCIAL AID TO EGYPT HAS BEEN REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. "ECHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN THE NEAR-EAST. THE EXPERTS PROCEEDED TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN THE NEAR-EAST AND NOTED WITH INTEREST THAT THE CONTACTS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARE IN FULL SWING ("SE POURSUIVENT ACTIVEMENT") AND THAT THUS THE CONDITIONS FOR A NEW ACCORD IN THE SINAI SEEM MORE FAVORABLE." MFA COMMENT: EXPERTS FELT THERE WAS LITTLE MORE NOW TO BE SAID OR DONE, GIVEN IMPENDING LIKELIHOOD OF NEW AGREEMENT.

2. "GERMAN PROPOSAL CONCERNING A NEW INITIATIVE BY THE NINE. IN THIS CONTEXT THE EXPERTS EXAMINED THE APPROPRIATENESS ("OPPORTUNITE") OF THE GERMAN PROPOSAL CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE OF THE NINE IN REGARD TO THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT THIS IDEA COULD USEFULLY BE TAKEN UP AGAIN WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE CURRENT CONTACTS ARE KNOWN." MFA COMMENT: GERMAN IDEA REMAINS PIGEON-HOLED FOR POSSIBLE USE IN A GENEVA CONFERENCE CONTEXT.

3. "POSSIBLE INITIATIVE TENDING TO DEPRIVE ISRAEL OF ITS RIGHTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THE EXPERTS HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE INITIATIVE TO DEPRIVE ISRAEL OF ITS RIGHTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM ON THE OAU CONFERENCE AT KAMPALA AND IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT LIMA (AUGUST 25-29).

" THE EXPERTS STUDIED IN PARTICULAR THE INFORMATION AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDERATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE EMBASSIES OF THE NINE IN THE FOLLOWING CAPITALS: ABIDJAN, ACCRA, ADDIS ABABA, BRASILIA, BUENOS AIRES, CARACAS, COLOMBO, DAKAR, DAR ES SALAAM, DJAKARTA, KINSHASA, KUALA LUMPUR, ISLAMABAD, LAGOS, LIMA, LUSAKA, MEXICO, MONROVIA, NAIROBI, NEW DELHI.

"FROM THIS INFORMATION, AS WELL AS FROM CONTACTS THAT SOME OF THE PARTNERS HAD HAD IN OTHER CAPITALS OF THE THIRD WORLD,

IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE CONVERSATIONS (WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE) AT THE BILATERAL LEVEL HAVE PERMITTED, FIRST, THAT THE POSITION OF THE NINE BE MADE CLEAR ON THIS PROBLEM AND, IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE COUNTRIES APPROACHED.

IT REMAINS TO EACH OF THE NINE TO DETERMINE, IF IT BE JUDGED USEFUL WHEN ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF ACTIONS TAKEN SO FAR, THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD WHERE IT IS CONSIDERED THAT SUCH CONVERSATIONS MIGHT BE FOUND OPPORTUNE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE EXCHANGED AMONG THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINE IN THE CAPITALS CONCERNED." COMMENT: ITALY, IN ITS ROLE AS EC PRESIDENT, HAS MADE APPROACHES IN SOME 70 CAPITALS, FRANCE IN MAYBE 40 , UK IN 30 FRG IN 15 OR 20. DUTCH AND DANES UNDERTOOK AT THIS MEETING TO KEEP UP THE PRE-AND-POST LIMA PRESSURE BY MAKING REPRESENTATIONS IN SELECTED CAPITALS. OTHER PARTNERS SIMILARLY INTENDED TO CONTINUE "TO HELP WHERE THEY THINK THEY CAN." MFA SOURCE IS PESSIMISTIC AS TO OUTCOME UNLESS CURRENT ME NEGOTIATIONS ARE CLEARLY SUCCESSFUL. VOLPE

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